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Today's weather: Light or moderate Southerly winds. Fair.
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Shanghai Situation Critical

Shanghai, July 17.—Rice prices rose more than 30 percent in two days as the price and food situation in Shanghai neared a crisis.

The new price is 60,000 Communist dollars for a 163 pound bag. Simultaneously, the official exchange rate increased from 1,850 to 1,950 for one U.S. dollar.

This official rate remained far behind the price of rice, to which wages are pegged. When the Communist dollar was 1,600 to one U.S. dollar, rice was selling for 11,000 Communist dollars.

The causes are numerous, including the Nationalist blockade, disrupted communications, floods and crop losses.

In the past, such price jumps were partly controlled by dumping ECA rice at fixed prices. Now there is no ECA rice.

It appears that a vast number of rice-eating Chinese are going to have to start eating something else. The Communists are shipping hundreds of tons of soy beans to this region from the North.

CANNOT WORK MAGIC
The pro-Communist paper, Sin Wan Jih Pao, said Shanghai residents must be patient while the difficulties of floods and Nationalist blockade are being overcome.

Admitting that the situation was "difficult," it declared, "the revolution cannot work magic," but "pessimism is unnecessary."

Since employers say they cannot possibly raise payrolls to meet the rice price jumps, efforts are being made to shift wages from a rice basis to some other index system.

Meanwhile, the Yangtze River floods remain critical. The crest has not yet reached the lower valley. Reports said the entire city of Wuhu, 250 miles upstream, was flooded, and people were sleeping with water under their beds.—Associated Press.

RED DRIVE ON CHANGSHA

Canton, July 17.—The Nationalist military news agency reported today that strong Communist forces had started a drive apparently aimed towards Changsha, central China stronghold 400 miles North of Canton.—Associated Press.

EDITORIAL

An Indefensible Strike

THE London dock strike drags on. Not for the first time, the London dockers are showing themselves to be criminally irresponsible. Coming now, when Britain faces a stern battle for economic survival, and on such a flimsy pretext, their stoppage is indefensible. Once again they are using their key position in Britain's supply lifeline in an attempt to gain their point—a point which can by no stretch of the imagination be said to concern Britain or the rights of British workers. Their case rests on a squabble between two Canadian maritime unions, the Communist-inspired Canadian Seamen's Union, and the Canadian section of the Seafarers' International Union, which is resolutely anti-Communist, and belongs to the American Federation of Labour. The dispute began with a break-down of wage talks between the Seamen's Union and the Canadian ship-owners. The Seafarers' International approached the employers and offered to man their ships. Thereupon the Seamen's Union called a strike, not only at home but in ships in foreign ports. Canadian dockers refused their support, continued to load and unload ships, and the strike in Canada soon collapsed. Seafarers' International crews were flown out to foreign ports to take over Canadian ships affected. The Seamen's Union countered with an appeal for the support of local workers in those ports at which Canadian ships were tied up. The appeal was most successful in Britain. The dispute is purely domestic, and after consideration of the motives of both sides, the International Transport Workers' Federation and the British Transport and General Workers' Union decided that there was no case for outside intervention or support. That the

canvassing of the Seamen's Union bore such fruit in Britain points to one of two things: either the British dockers have been duped, or they are deliberately tolerating political exploitation by Communist agitators. The timing of the stoppage, coinciding with Britain's economic crisis, would suggest the latter. The ostensible reason for the London strike was the employers' refusal, last month, to engage dockers for newly-arrived ships while two Canadian ships remained unmaned. These tactics had previously been used at Avonmouth, and had had the same result, but the dockers there have since resumed work. Liverpool was also affected, but there, too, the men have seen reason. The continued stoppage at London has resulted in the proclamation of a state of emergency, and troops are at work on the docks trying to keep the ships moving. The right to strike is a hard-won privilege of Labour, but it must not be abused at a time like this. The dockers have in the past had plenty of reason to use this right legitimately; before the war, when they worked for three days each week, spent the other three on the dole, conditions were bad. But during the war they won many concessions, and frequently earned fabulous wages. They still enjoy much better pay than most British working men; their job is less arduous and unpleasant than many; and they have a greater degree of security under new regulations than has ever been thought possible. These benefits are not begrudged them, but they must be made to realise that such frivolous and dangerous strikes as the present one will not be tolerated.

PACIFIC UNION TALKS

At least eight Asian nations are expected to take part in a conference soon for the purpose of forming an anti-Communist Pacific Union—following the Chiang-Quirino talks in Baguio.

The talks are likely to take place before the end of August. Exploratory moves are at present being initiated.

Countries likely to take part are China, Korea, Philippines, Indo-China, Thailand, Indonesia, India and Pakistan. Australia and New Zealand may also send representatives to the conference.

This, according to a reliable source close to Chinese high government circles, is the substance of what Chiang Kai-shek told Nationalist leaders in Canton last week.

AUSTRALIAN

STRIKE

POSSIBLE BREAK IN SIGHT

Sydney, July 17.—Premier Joseph Chifley called upon Australia's 21,000 striking coal miners tonight not to ally themselves with the worldwide Communist movement "seeking to destroy the democratic way of life."

His nation-wide broadcast from Canberra came as the paralyzing stoppage entered its fourth week. Premier Chifley said the strikers could not have selected a worse time to tie up the nation's economic life. He said that Britain and the British Commonwealth were encountering enough economic difficulties without strikes to complicate the problem.

It seemed that some hopeful signs of a settlement were in sight. The first possible break in the strike came from Colliery fields on the western tip of Australia, where a small group of miners decided to resume work on Monday and refer their claims to the Local Coal Reference Board. The miners' return will enable 10,000 unemployed persons in the Perth area to resume work.
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Two Troopships Bring Garrison Reinforcements

16 FORMER HONGKONG POW RETURN

Sixteen soldiers who were taken prisoner by the Japanese in Hongkong and who spent nearly four years in concentration camp in Japan returned to the Colony today as part of Army reinforcements that arrived this morning in two troopships.

The men are all members of the 1st Battalion, Middlesex Regiment, which was stationed here at the time of the Japanese attack.

The Battalion, arrived by the troopship Dunera, which tied up at the Taikeo Sugar Refinery wharf, North Point. On disembarkation, the Middlesex went to Lyemut Barracks.

The former POW are: Colour Sgt. W. Ure, Drum Major C. Haldford, Cpl. A. Hymas, ORMS, F. Walden, Bdm F. Hazelwood, Cpl. Hukene, Pte F. Jones, Cpl. Mitchell-Gears, Cpl. Birdsey, Major H. March, Pte C. W. Hanshaw, L/Cpl. Winsborough, Sgt. Durrell, Pte Aylward, L/Cpl. P. Walker and Major (Q) P. Newman.

In addition to the 1st Middlesex, the Dunera also brought contingents of Royal Engineers,

Field Ambulance and other units as well as Service families and naval personnel.

The Band of the 1st Battalion, Royal Leicestershire Regiment, was present at the wharf to cheer up the arrivals with lively music.

While the Dunera was emptying herself, a second troopship tied up at No. 5 Kowloon Wharf. She was the Empire Trooper, which brought about 2,000 men. The main contingent was the 1st Battalion, Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders. They brought their Pipe Band with them.

Other units which came by this ship included 23rd Field Regiment RA and a Royal Army Medical Corps unit which is taking over the Matilda Hospital.

The Band of the 1st Battalion, The Buffs, played on the wharf while the men disembarked.

RAIN WETS PARCHED EUROPE

London, July 17.—Rain fell over most of parched Western Europe today, and in northern Sweden snow broke a month-long heat wave.

Reuter cables from Europe's capitals reported as follows: The Hague.—Temperatures dropped sharply as rain fell over Holland.

Stockholm.—Snow fell in northern Sweden, sweeping in on Arctic wind, while shivery cold weather spread southward.

Paris.—Sudden downpours of rain swept over central France, driving sun-bathers to shelter. In Paris the temperature was 77 degrees Fahrenheit at mid-afternoon.

Berlin.—Rain dropped temperatures from 80 Fahrenheit to 75.2 Fahrenheit.

Frankfurt.—Violent thunderstorms broke over Western Germany.—Rainfall—so far this month has been only a tenth of normal for the 31-day period. More storms are forecast.

Copenhagen.—Denmark had a little rain, but thunder showers were forecast for southern areas.

Rome.—Italy's grape crop—at one time the most promising of the postwar period—was reported as being in danger of being ruined by drought.

London.—In Britain the weather was showery with thunderstorms over most of the south. Between 9 a.m. and dusk London had about an inch of rain. Sudden, heavy showers filled gutters to kerb levels.—Reuter.

VILLAGES ENGULFED BY LAVA

Santa Cruz, Dela Palma, Canary Islands, July 17.—Lava began pouring from the fifth crater of Mount Pelada volcano today, spreading fire and destruction along its march to the sea.

Experts predicted, however, that the volcano now in full eruption, will soon be subsiding.

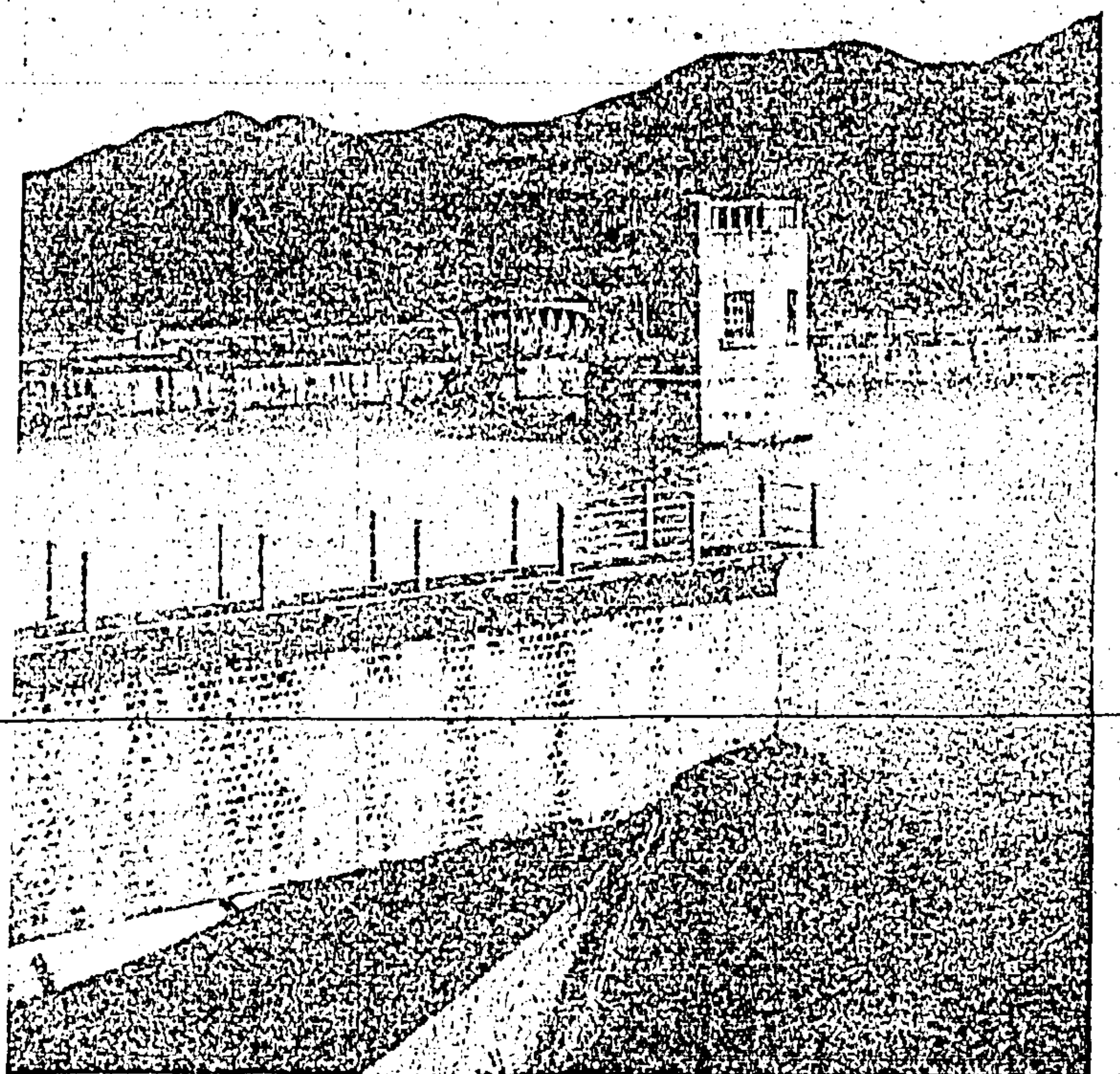
Four other craters, all of which are 50 yards in diameter, erupted a fortnight ago.

Volunteer firefighters returning to this island's capital from the scene said that three mountain villages are already completely engulfed by lava and others have been partially destroyed. Almost all vegetation has been burned from the entire southern half of the island.

Standing upright is difficult at times because of continuous earth shocks.

Except for light from the flaming volcano, the fire-lighters are working almost in darkness to stem forest fires because of heavy clouds of smoke and powdered rock hiding the sun.—Associated Press.

Jubilee Reservoir Overflowing



Here is a fine picture taken on Saturday at Shingmun, showing Jubilee Reservoir, whose water level was low two months ago, full to overflowing. Picture was taken with a small camera by an amateur, Mr. J. H. Franco.

Dock Strikers Pack Trafalgar Square

London, July 17.—Ten thousand people packed Trafalgar Square this afternoon to hear protest speeches at a mass meeting of dockers involved in the London docks dispute.

Led by the London Pipe Band and with trade union banners waving, about 1,700 of the 14,638 men in the dispute, which led to Government emergency measures, marched in procession to the Square.

Striking Canadian seamen from the Beaverbrook and Argonaut—the two Canadian ships which the dockers refuse to unload—took part in the march, carrying posters.

Mr. John Platts-Mills, Independent Labour Member of Parliament, told the meeting: "I challenge the Government with not wanting to solve this dispute. Even I could settle it in 10 minutes. There are great issues at stake."

Mr. E. Thomas, of the men's "Lock-Out Committee" of five, said that they were all anxious to work but would not work "black" ships and were determined to carry on the struggle "no matter what the sacrifice is."

Criticising the British Labour Government, he said that the men had no desire to be out of work, but might be turned to an "angry and ugly mood." There were no incidents today in the docks, which wore a Sunday deserted look. Nearly 7,000 troops, sailors and airmen—1,000 more than Saturday—were, however, preparing to begin work tomorrow morning at the docks, where 91 ships are now idle and seven under-manned.
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NEWS OF THE DAY IN PICTURES



REVOLUTIONARY—Little Marc Fresco, a polio victim, demonstrates in New York the ease with which a newly developed one-pound iron lung can be worn. The lung permits patients to move about in wheelchairs, and it can also be used by hospitals in cases of near drowning, exhaustion, electric shock and asthmatics.



THE RIGHT PLACE TO BE—These youngsters know what to do when the temperature soars into the nineties and threatens to stay there. They're enjoying the splash of water under the falls of a pool at Fallsides Park, New Jersey, and when old Sol's rays beat down unmercifully, there's no more comfortable place to be than under a waterfall.



DEFT FINGERS—Ethel Smith, the organist who is noted for her down beat, returns to New York on the Queen Mary after making a tour of Europe. She'll soon be in a new Hollywood film.



ROUND AND ROUND—Getting away to a fast start on the merry-go-round at Steeplechase Park, in Coney Island, New York, these midshipmen from Annapolis are out to have some fun. With their fair companions, 51 of the men spent several hours at the resort and took in all rides and attractions they had time for.



ALL MIXED UP—The neighbors round Lisbon, New York, were amazed when it was announced that this little colt had been foaled by a large farm horse. The colt measured 22 inches in height and weighed 25 pounds at birth. After some investigation, it was discovered that the mother was the Shetland pony, here seen standing behind the youngster.



A HAPPY FAMILY—Mr and Mrs Douglas Fairbanks with their children, Daphne, left, who is seven; Melissa, 19 months, and Victoria, right, six, seem to have enjoyed the trip as the liner Caronia docks at Southampton, England. Fairbanks will make a film when in Britain.



GIRL AIRLINE PILOT—Marilyn Grover, right, explains the workings of an aeroplane to her mother in Seattle, Washington. One of the few women commercial pilots in this country, Marilyn is qualified to fly helicopters as well as single or multi-engine planes.



VIVACIOUS—Lovely Linn Romay, singing star of movies and the radio, flashes a photogenic smile for the photographer who caught her dining at a New York hotel.



CITY FISHING—Tenor Joseph Laderoute doesn't take his family far from home to go fishing. In New York's Central Park he shows his three-year-old son, Peter, some fine points of the game. Christopher, the dog, helps, too, by carrying the bait.



PEGGY'S POLKA—Songstress Peggy Lee matches a white and red blouse with a flattering sombrero in polka dots. She teams the match-mates with a sheer navy skirt for a pretty summer costume.



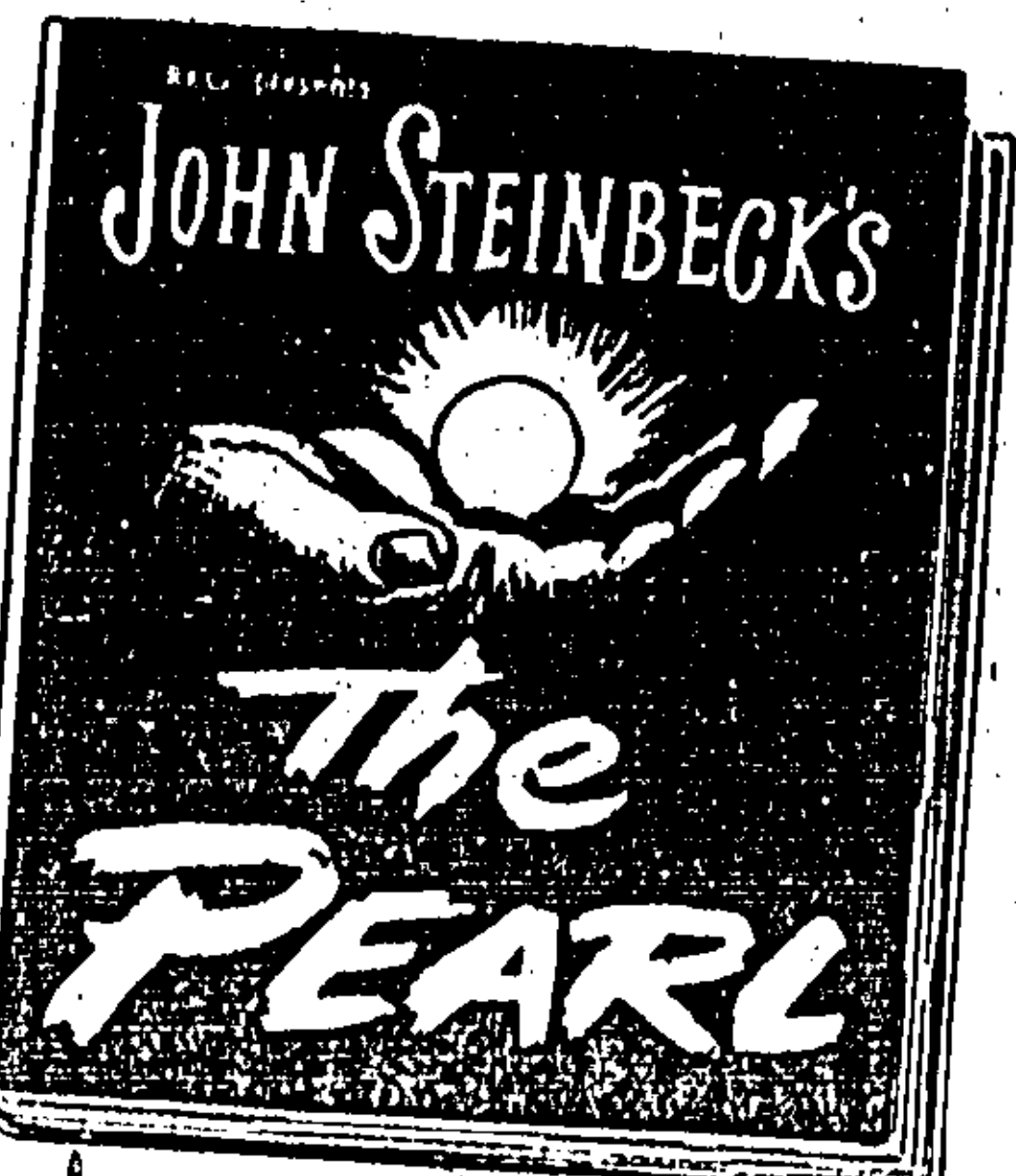
WHATA MAN!—Marian Negard, in Chicago, Illinois, is sitting on the two-storey-high figure of Paul Bunyan at the Northwestern Railway Fair. The giant animated figure moves its arms and head, and the lips move as if talking while records are played.

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PIG CONTROVERSY
MEETING OF HOGS TO PROTEST AGAINST
BEING COMPARED BY LOW TO HUMAN SWEET-
GUZZLERS.

Mr. Grunt said what was wanted was more Private Enterprise. Personally he had begun by making a corner in crunchy bars and ticklish mince pies.

Bill Bristle said why worry? He got his lot under the counter, so what did he care?

At this point a little piggywiggy asked “Can't we all show we don't need rationing by holding off a bit so that everyone can get a fair share?”

(Shouts of “DICTATOR!” “SOCIALIST!” as the meeting dissolved in uproar.)

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Sefton Delmer's NEWSMAP reports from "Somewhere in Britain"

ARE THE RIGHT MEN GOING INTO THE RAF?

(For example, did you know that from all the National Service men only 300 a year who join the RAF are taught to fly?)

THESE last ten days I have spent not flying around my European parish, but in sunny Britain. Yet I was flying all the same.

For I spent those ten days with the RAF and again and again I found myself—once in a jet plane at 460 miles an hour—up in the bright blue sky.

I was trying to find out what effect the inclusion of thousands and thousands of short-term National Service men is having on the general efficiency of the RAF.

I talked with scores of regular RAF men, from the highest of the high-ups at the Air Ministry and in the various commands visited, to the most disgruntled NCOs and National Service men at work.

I flew from airfield to airfield and visited a truly representative cross-section of stations and training camps.

EVERYWHERE I went I was impressed with what thoughtfulness and care the RAF commanders are attempting to solve the problem of fitting these short-term Servicemen into a machine which depends upon the expert skill of its carefully trained operators.

I admired the enthusiasm with which they welcome them and try to fill them with their own devotion to the service.

I liked the look of the 18-year-olds. Particularly pleasing to me was the freedom and confidence with which they answered questions, the firmness and courtesy with which they would contradict their superiors if they disagreed on a question of personal opinion.

There was no trace of the bullied servility which I have so often noted among conscripts on the Continent.

But I also noticed the progressive deterioration in smartness, alertness, and discipline the further away we went from the marching and arms drill of the recruit training centres where RAF National Service men spend their first eight weeks.

I found that the more these men become involved in the day-to-day routine of the flying stations, the more they tend to get that look of discontented civilians in uniform.

It is a look I have seen before—among the French in the Maginot Line way back in 1939 and 1940.

BUT that is exactly what these National Service men are—civilians in uniform. The tragedy of the post-war RAF is that they are not trying to make them anything else. At present they have not the time to make airmen of them.

At most, 300 out of the many thousands in a year's intake of National Service men are trained to fly. And then only if they will sign up for service

later with the Auxiliary Air Force.

The rest are trained for the shortest period possible—just long enough to fit them to carry out the simplest of the many duties required in servicing an aircraft and making it capable of flying.

Many of the men are given jobs for which I feel women could be recruited—telephone and teleprinter operators, clerks, storekeepers, cooks, and batmen.

Technical jobs, like aircraft maintenance have been skillfully broken down by RAF planners into a series of specialised manipulations. A man is quickly trained in one of these and then expected to do this duty for the rest of his time in the RAF.

The longest period of training I found any National Service man undergoing was a rush maintenance week. It takes 20 weeks. Normally it would take 12 months.

NOW, what are the troubles with this system? I can name five:

1 IT IS COSTLY in manpower. Already today the RAF is forced to employ a third more staff on maintenance than would have been needed for a force of the same size during the war.

The greater the number of men needed for servicing, the more clerks and cooks are needed to look after them.

2 THE NCOs, whose job it should be to supervise the technical work being done by the maintenance crews, and they have to do more and more of it themselves. They have little time for checking. They have no time for leadership, discipline, and instruction.

So NCOs are becoming dissatisfied and leaving the RAF to look for jobs outside it. As these experienced men are lost to the Service, more National Service men have to be brought in to try to replace them.

This means progressive dilution of the force—particularly as the standard of regulars being recruited today is a long way below that of pre-war days.

3 MANY of the National Service men lose the sense of pride in their work. Others resent doing almost the same job

they were doing in civilian life for much less pay and much less freedom. I found almost all I talked with counting the days to their release.

4 FLYING men have become distrustful of the jobs done by the newcomers, even in such apparently simple things as refuelling. I flew from one station to another in a Harvard trainer. We had to taxi to the end of the runway and were waiting to take off when the pilot suddenly slipped off his parachute harness and climbed out on the wing.

He feared that the cap on the fuel tank had not been closed properly by the National Service men doing the filling.

5 NATIONAL SERVICE men are being trained today purely for the immediate re-

quirements of the Service—without enough thought of the future. There is no guarantee, and indeed, there is no likelihood—that in the event of their recall for an emergency they can be assigned to the jobs they have learned to do now.

The manpower requirements will probably be quite different and they will have to be trained for new jobs all over again.

NOW don't misunderstand me. I am immensely impressed by the work the RAF is doing despite all these handicaps. Taking it all in all, my view is that the 18-month National Service men are no good for the RAF and the RAF is no good for them.

C.V.R. Thompson Reports The American Scene

BROADWAY is not all glamour. In it, far from the theatres and dazzling lights, there is a block of flats.

Built for 207 people, the block is occupied today by 1,200—ex-Servicemen, university students, and some old people.

And even if some of the “flats” are no more than a 6ft. by 6ft. cupboard, these people, unable to find anywhere else to live because of the housing shortage, call it home.

So they marched in protest to City Hall because the authorities had ordered them to be evicted.

The authorities, afraid of a disastrous fire, meant well. They enforced their orders by cutting off all electricity in the building.

But this merely increased the danger. For the tenants bought up stocks of candles and brought in oil stoves to boil their water, and heat their babies' milk.

HOLIDAYMAKERS in America can rent a British baby car for their fortnight's holiday for £17 10s., petrol and

oil included. One British manufacturer announced this new plan to boost dollar sales. If anyone decides to buy the car he hires, he will get his rental money back.

HOUSEHOLDS were told by Gilbert Green, a Communist defendant in New York's Communist trial, that they would be much better off in Russia. Instead of being chained to the kitchen stove and sink under American capitalism, he promised them that they could work in factories.

NEGROES will teach whites for the first time at Harvard, America's Cambridge, and at Brown University, this autumn. Harvard took on Professor William Hinton, a bacteriologist, and Brown appointed Professor J. Saunders to its English department.

CIVIL DEFENCE is coming back in Pennsylvania. Home Guard officers have sent out an appeal for volunteers to man 140 observation posts which never spotted anything but an American plane during World War II. In the event of sudden attack Pennsylvania does not want to rely entirely upon radar.

FEVER: Americans are suddenly getting an attack of election fever—but over Britain's election this time. There is constant speculation over when it will be held and who will win it.

Experts are being sent over to Britain to do some sounding out. Experts and others, returning from Britain can always get their names in the papers by predicting the outcome.

A POSTER campaign against a socialised medicine for America has just begun. The posters, distributed by the American Medical Association, reproduce that famous old Sir Luke Fildes picture of a bearded, frock-coated GP at a child's bedside. Alongside the picture is this slogan: “Keep politics out of this picture.”

HOUSING: Building trade unions are starting a campaign, to prevent Americans doing odd job in their own homes. First step is a threat to boycott semi-finished pre-fabs unless the buyers give an assurance that they will employ union labour to do the painting, plastering, and wiring, instead of doing it themselves.

A British Law, Passed Long Ago
And Never Repealed, Stipulates:

Only The Gentry Can Play Bowls

By J.W. Taylor

BRITISH legislators are church. The same fate awaits those who sell, buy or even read a newspaper on a Sunday.

It is fortunate that many of these ancient laws are never applied, or British gentry would not be large enough to hold the multitude of wrong-doers.

For instance, British men and women, under an Act of 1500, are liable to imprisonment for not going to

church. The same fate awaits those who sell, buy or even read a newspaper on a Sunday.

SPECIAL SUIT FOR SUNDAYS: ANCIENT local laws, if applied, could make life very difficult. A Somerset edict obliged people to wear a special Sunday suit.

In Durham one stipulated penalties for wearing wooden shoes instead of leather shoes. And in Yorkshire it was once an offence to eat roast beef on Sundays without Yorkshire Pudding!

Many of Britain's lawmakers themselves may not be aware of the Act passed in the reign of Henry V, making it necessary for Members of Parliament to reside in their own constituencies.

It has not been repealed. Neither has the Peeping Tom Act, of 1395, still used against those who peep into other people's houses.

BANNED BEFORE THEY WERE INVENTED:

ONE rather strange fact is that many ancient laws applied to things non-existent when they were passed.

A century-old law forbids the use of loudspeakers either in public or in private, under a penalty of a £10 fine. Another law declares artificial light illegal.

Mending a puncture by the roadside was classed as a crime in a law of 1776, and an even older one made it unlawful to anyone to own a carriage or a horse and cart.

The law declared it an offence to clean a carriage in a public place. Just before the war a surprised chauffeur was fined at the Mansion House for doing so.

Sportsmen are probably the greatest law breakers, according to the ancient decrees. In 1845 it was illegal for anyone but an aristocrat to play bowls. Ever since the days of Henry VII the law has held that no worker be allowed to play “football, tennis, dice or ninepins.”

CRICKET, FOOTBALL ARE CRIMES:

CRICKET was a crime 200 years ago, and football, under Acts passed by Edward III, Richard II, and James IV, of Scotland, is still forbidden as an “unlawful exercise.”

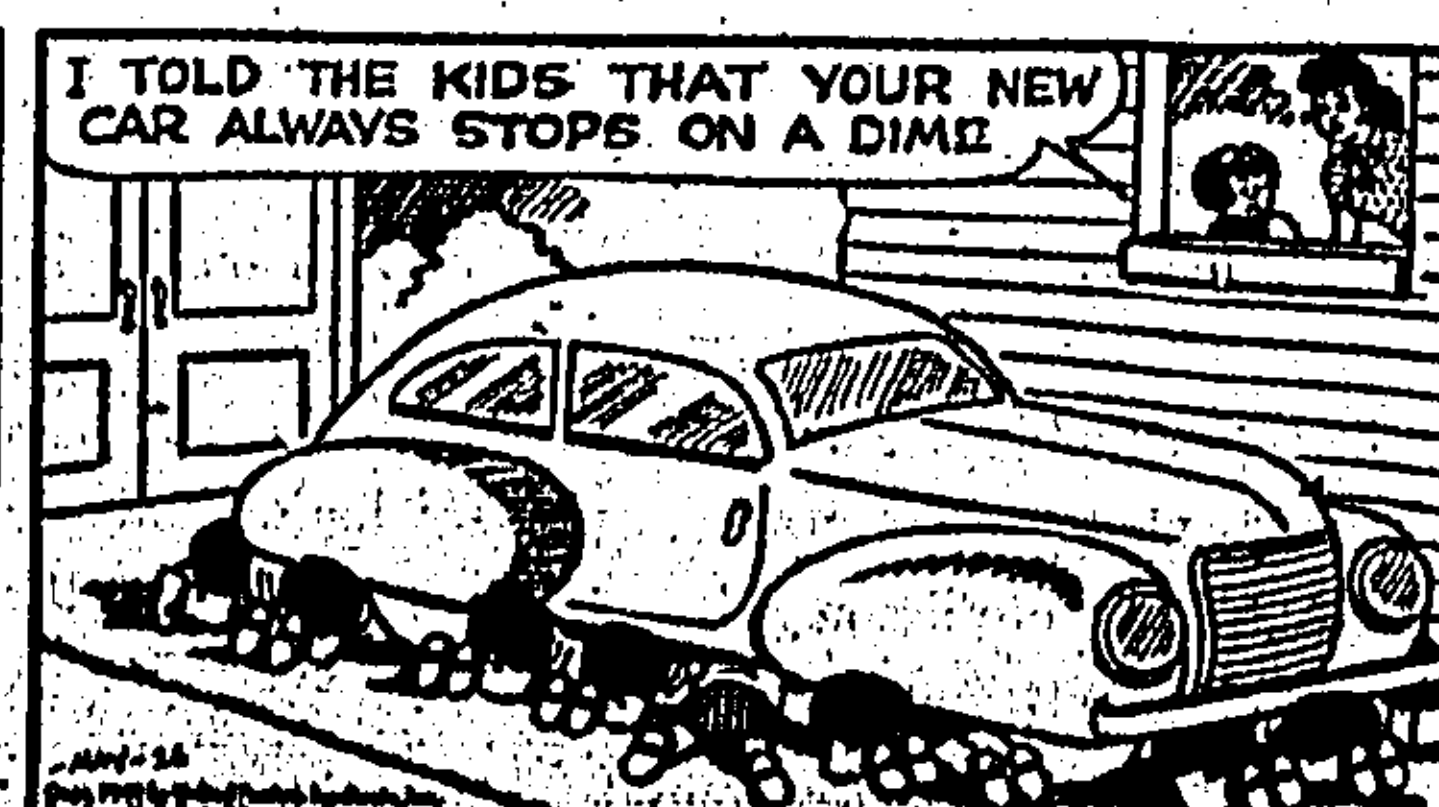
A boxer “who enters the ring” intending to subdue his opponent with violent blows” is another law-breaker.

The golfer, so it would seem, is obviously the most dangerous sporting criminal. If the established law took its course, every golfer in Scotland would do only one kind of putting: his head in the executioner's noose!

Scots also become guilty men if they visit the Isle of Man, for it is still lawful for any Manxman to shoot a “Scot on sight on the grounds that he is a looter.”

Welshmen, the law says, can be prosecuted for speaking their native language.

NANCY Non-Cents



By Ernie Bushmiller

When there's biff I needn't use my fist!
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Attlee To Make Commons Statement On Cripps' Illness

DOLLAR TALKS ENDING TODAY

London, July 17.—Mr Clement Attlee, the Prime Minister, will make a statement in the House of Commons tomorrow on the indisposition of Sir Stafford Cripps, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, who will leave London on Tuesday for a nursing home in Zurich, Switzerland, to have special treatment for a digestive ailment.

Mr Attlee will announce the arrangements for carrying on the work at the Treasury, which is now heavier than ever because of the various discussions on the differences between the dollar and the non-dollar countries.

Mr Attlee himself may take general charge and Mr Stafford has two understudies in Mr Glenvil Hall, the Financial Secretary, and Mr Douglas Jay, the Economic Secretary.

Other Ministers, such as Mr Harold Wilson, the President of the Board of Trade, or Mr Hugh Dalton, a former Chancellor of the Exchequer, could be brought in.

HE Presents Medals To Firemen

Colonial Fire Brigades Long Service medals and commendations for men who fought last September's disastrous West Point Wing On Godwin fire were presented to firemen by the Governor, Sir Alexander Grantham, at a ceremony at the Central Fire Station this morning.

Men who received Long Service Medals were Deputy Chief Officer Charles William Brand; Station Officers Charles William Brown, (Acting Divisional Officer), Yeung Ping-kwai, Sham Pak-ying; Sub-Officers Heyward Chan, Chan Wai-sun; Section Leaders Wu Foon, Chau Cham-so; Leading Firemen Lam Kwai, Cheung Wah, Lam Yau, (retired), Firemen Cho Hing, Sun Sze, Wu Kiu, Chung Kwan, Chau Sang, Ip Fat, Kwong Tsang and Fan Lam.

In Yee, widow of Fireman Chai Kam, received her husband's Service medal from the Governor, but Tang Tai, widow of Fireman Lau Cheung, could not be found to receive hers.

Commendations for the part they played in the Wing On fire were presented to Acting Divisional Officer Brown; Firemen Yeung Ping-kwai, Chak Shing-tak; Sub-Officers Lai Shu-mu, Chu Shu-hang, Chan Wai-sun, and Seaman Li Fat.

RESCUE DISPLAY
Hundreds of people crowded at windows overlooking the station compound to watch a fire-fighting and ladder rescue display, and to listen to a speech by the Governor.

Sir Alexander paid tribute to the men, and said the efficiency of the Brigade was amply demonstrated at the Wing On fire.

"The fireman is the protector of the community against that terrible enemy fire. That means ceaseless vigil, and the Hong-kong Fire Brigade maintains such a vigil," he said. "You will know, continue to show the same spirit as you have in the past."

Among those who attended the ceremony were Lady Grantham, Lt. Gen. F.W. Fecling, GOC in C HK, the Chief Justice, Sir Leslie Gibson, the Attorney General Mr J.B. Griffin, Sir Arthur and Lady Morse, Mr B.C.K. Hawkins, Secretary for Chinese Affairs, and Sir Man-kam Lo.

AUSTRALIAN STRIKE

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In the meantime, right wing union leaders in Sydney said they believed that a settlement might be reached soon. They said if the Australian Council of Trade Unions succeeds in convincing the miners that their goaded leaders could be unconditionally released, a favourable outcome might be anticipated.

The strike has already resulted in the loss of 1,000,000 tons of coal and A\$14,000,000 in wages for more than half a million Australian workers made idle by the strike.

The police at Newcastle prevented a disturbance when they halted a group of men who tried to rush to the platform at which the Communists were speaking. The Communists called the men "scabs". Rife tomatoes were thrown at and fire-crackers exploded around the heads of the Communists.—United Press.

Stalin Sees Huge Soviet Air Display

Moscow, July 17.—The Soviet Premier, Marshal Joseph Stalin, at today's Soviet Aviation Day display, watched Soviet jet planes flash across the Moscow skies at speeds claimed to be faster than sound.

The half million spectators at Tushino Airfield watched the grey-uniformed Generalissimo step from his car and walk to the main stand. He was accompanied by members of the Politburo, Government leaders and Marshals of the Soviet Union.

The 90-minute display opened with a plane crossing the airfield flying towards a huge portrait of Stalin. Behind came 100 aircraft in perfect formation, spelling out "Slava Stalin" (Glory to Stalin). Five women's fighter pilots, led by the heroine of the Soviet Union, Marina Chechneva, flew Yaks in the display, which included aerobatics and formation flying.

MOCK BATTLE
The latest Soviet standard fighters, jet planes and planes with swept back wings, took part.

After a mock battle with anti-aircraft guns and four jet fighters attacking a force of nine bombers, with a fighter escort, parachutists staged a mass descent, using multi-coloured parachutes.

The parade ended with a fly-past of several gliding new jet aircraft, which generated low overhead at speeds claimed to be supersonic.

Marshal Stalin's son, Lieutenant General Vasily Stalin, directed the military part of the parade.

Air force competitions were held throughout the Soviet Union to mark Physical Culture Day, which was also celebrated today, the official Soviet news agency, Tass, reported.—Reuter.

MAGNIFICENT POST-WAR DEVELOPMENTS

London, July 17.—The Soviet aircraft industry has developed since the war "a number of magnificent technically perfect war planes, achieving important successes in the multi-engine, high-altitude, and high-speed categories," according to the Soviet newspaper, Pravda, quoted by Moscow Radio today.

The Communist Party paper claimed that the strength of the German Air Force had been destroyed on the Eastern Front during the past war.

Pravda continued: "The supporters of peace are sufficiently strong to restrain the aggressors and put a straitjacket on those who attempt to plunge mankind into the bloodbath of war."

The newspaper recalled that Hitler had threatened to wipe Russian towns off the map, and added: "It would not harm the bellicose gentlemen who are planning to dispatch their planes to the countries to recall more frequently the 70,000 German planes which, in three years, were transformed over Soviet earth into piles of scrap iron."

The article stated that the Soviet people would continue to strengthen the fighting power of their Red Air Force.—Reuter.

Nehru's Gift To Jap Zoo

Tokyo, July 17.—The Indian Prime Minister, Jawaharlal Nehru, was today when it was announced that he had donated a 10-year-old elephant to Tokyo's elephantless Ueno Zoo.

The occupation headquarters authorised the import yesterday and today's newspapers gave prominent place to the news, with pictures of zoo patrons joyously applauding Nehru's generosity.

The gift was arranged by an Indian trader, Mr H.K. Nyodhi, who took hundreds of petitions from Japanese school children to the Premier.

It is understood that the shipment will be made immediately, and welcome receptions are already being planned.—United Press.

Crowds Flock To 'Acid Bath' Trial

Lewes, (Sussex) July 17.—Visitors and newsmen crowded into this little town of 12,000 people over the weekend for tomorrow's trial of John George Haigh, 39-year-old company director, who is charged with murdering a wealthy widow.

Almost every hotel room has been booked here since April 10, when it was announced that Haigh would be tried in the small Assize Court in the Town Hall.—Reuter.

98 Ponies Arrive

Ninety-eight Australian ponies arrived by the ship Nankin this morning. They are subscription grilles for the Jockey Club. The ship tied up at Mackie's Wharf, North Point, and the ponies were brought ashore before the lunch hour.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"Oh, dear—a telegram! I'm all alone and my husband won't be home till tomorrow—can't you bring it back then?"

Jap Businessmen Attack SCAP Economic Policy

Tokyo, July 16.—An influential group of Japanese financiers and industrialists today publicly charged the occupation policy with pushing Japan toward depression of mass unemployment.

The "Economic Friends Society," an independent businessmen's organisation, declared in a public statement that the SCAP stabilisation programme "aims at bringing about disinflation, but the actual situation shows that this aim has been by-passed and the country is now entering into a state of deflation."

"This, together with the unexpected decline in exports due to inactive business in foreign markets, has given rise to the fear of possible panic."

The statement said the depression now developing in Japan and abroad could lead to sharp reduction in production, acute shortage of commodities, aggravation of social unrest, delayed realisation of a self-supporting national economy and a great increase in unemployment.

The group proposed a 16-point "anti-depression policy" to stimulate export trade and bolster the sagging home production and consumption. The entire programme, it said, could be carried out within the basic stabilisation objectives of the SCAP policy and "without risking the revival of inflation."

The statement represented the first blunt criticism of the US Government's nine-point stabilisation programme by a group other than the Communists, but reflected the guarded complaints voiced against the government's enforcement of the SCAP policy by many Japanese newspapers and businessmen.

The major complaint against the programme has been the severe restrictions on bank credit and government subsidies to Japanese industry.—United Press.

Girls Buried At Wedding

Lisbon, July 17.—At least 18 African girls were buried by a collapsed wall in Lourenco Marques, Portuguese East Africa, today when they were preparing for a wedding in the Michelangelo Mission, it was reported in Lisbon.

Several other girls are missing and may have suffered the same fate. Eleven bodies were recovered by this afternoon and the rescuers had had time to see whether they were all alive or dead.

Fathers and nuns connected with the Mission worked desperately with other rescuers to try to release the buried girls in time, but some of them had to leave their labour to try to cool the mounting excitement of some of the native villagers, who said that the accident had been caused by native enemies of the bride and groom.—Associated Press.

LONDON DOCK STRIKERS

(Continued from Page 1)
Talks will be resumed on Monday in an effort to solve the deadlock.

Leaders of the Stevedores' and Lightermen's Unions, two of the smaller unions whose members are involved, had long discussions with Ministry of Labour officials on Saturday without result.

They said after the meeting that they would hold themselves ready to take whatever steps proved possible to secure full resumption of work.

The Shipping Federation is to consider a union request to arrange joint discussions between the Canadian Seamen's Union and the Canadian ship-owners in London.

The dispute began 10 days ago when the dockers refused to work the two Canadian ships involved in a Canadian trade union "war." They alleged a lock-out when employers then refused them other work.—Reuter.

"Risk Death," Nehru Tells Congressmen

New Delhi, July 17.—Pandit Nehru, the Indian Prime Minister, told Calcutta Congressmen last week that they should "risk death, if necessary, in facing and solving the problems of the day."

The text of his speech, which was made in private during his visit to Calcutta last week to investigate West Bengal's unrest, was released today. A bomb was thrown on the outskirts of a big meeting which he addressed in Calcutta, but he continued his speech.

At the private meeting of Congressmen, he told them that he was interested in finding men and women of great will who would resist the hooliganism and terrorism of the few.

"I find Congress in Calcutta in a frightened and hesitant mood," he said. "If this continues, it is time to write its memoirs and let it retire. Even though I am interested in Congress, I am more interested in the future of India and of Bengal."

Calcutta, Pandit Nehru said, provided a "favourable atmosphere for the Communist Party to try out their experiments of creating chaos, which they hope will spread over the province and country."

"The Communist Party of India does not want Communism in India. They have adopted a degrading policy, which no country or individual can accept. If it were proper Communism, I would not object to it, but their Communism has nothing to do with India or the Indian people; their objective is to have a weak India."—Reuter.

AGREE TO ELECTION

New Delhi, July 17.—Acting swiftly on the Indian Prime Minister, Pandit Nehru's report on his fact-finding tour of West Bengal.

Working Committee tentatively agreed today, it is understood, to a general Election in the province before the end of the year.

This decision was reached so that the People's Front West Bengal themselves can have the opportunity to set matters right and bring about political and administrative stability in the province.

The Committee was stated to favour a reconstituted Government for the interim period.—Reuter.

TOGLIATTI'S DEFIANCE

(Continued from Page 1)
"We do not want to dwell on the bitter memories of the past. The intervening years have also witnessed some wonderfully exciting things."

"A firm faith does not easily allow itself to be bent either by force or through the collapse of all earthly hopes."

After praising the behaviour of Catholic youth, parents and priests during "years of unspeakable misery," the Pope gave "the entire German people our Apostolic benediction."

The Pope's speech, delivered in almost flawless German, marked the celebration in Berlin of the "Feast of the Pope on the 50th anniversary of his priesthood."

Before the Pope's speech, Cardinal Konrad Count Von Preysing, the Catholic Bishop of Berlin, arrived at the amphitheatre followed by a procession of 300 white-robed acolytes. He took a seat on a throne near the open-air altar in the centre of the amphitheatre. He later celebrated Pontifical Mass.—Reuter.

CZECHS' STATEMENT

Prague, July 17.—Czech Catholics press today defiantly rejected the Communist government's demands that they denounce Prague's Archbishop Josef Beran and the Vatican.

"We stand loyally by our Bishops and our Archbishop in their fight and will continue to do so even if it means persecution," said a resolution read in Prague's big St. Ignatius Church at services this morning.

"We hope our Catholic faithful will do likewise."

Churchmen said that the resolution was also read at Masses elsewhere in Prague and in country districts.

The priest who read it to a packed congregation in St. Ignatius called the resolution a statement of the majority of Czechoslovakia's Catholic clergy. He termed it a "proclamation dictated solely by our own conscience and not by orders from the hierarchy."—Associated Press.

Two Deaths In Sidecar Race

Francorchamps, Belgium, July 17.—A Briton and a Belgian died today after an accident in the Francorchamps sidecar race. The Briton was identified as a trial rider, Hurst, who was taking part in the race as a passenger in the sidecar of the Belgian driver Brulant.

The motor-cycle lost its sidecar in a sharp turn and Hurst was thrown out and killed, while Brulant, turning over, was severely injured and died later.—Associated Press.

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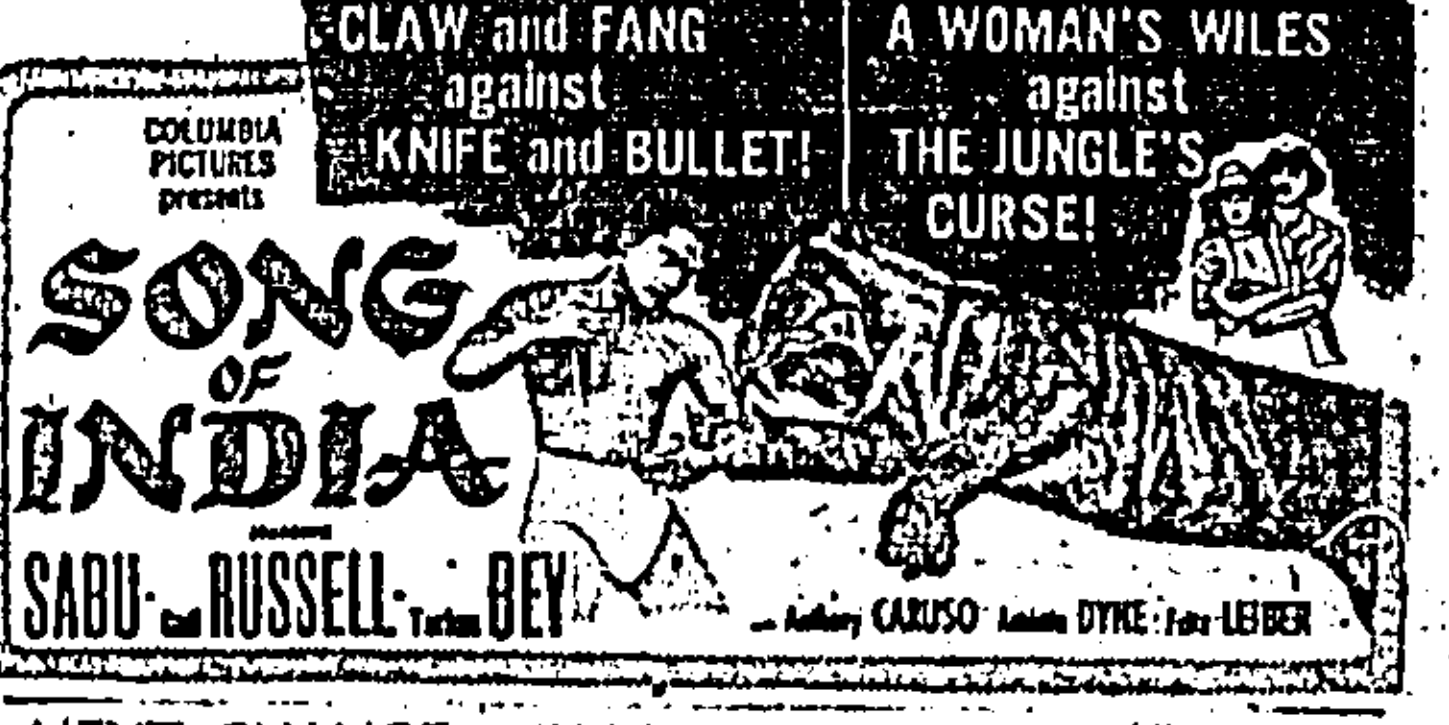
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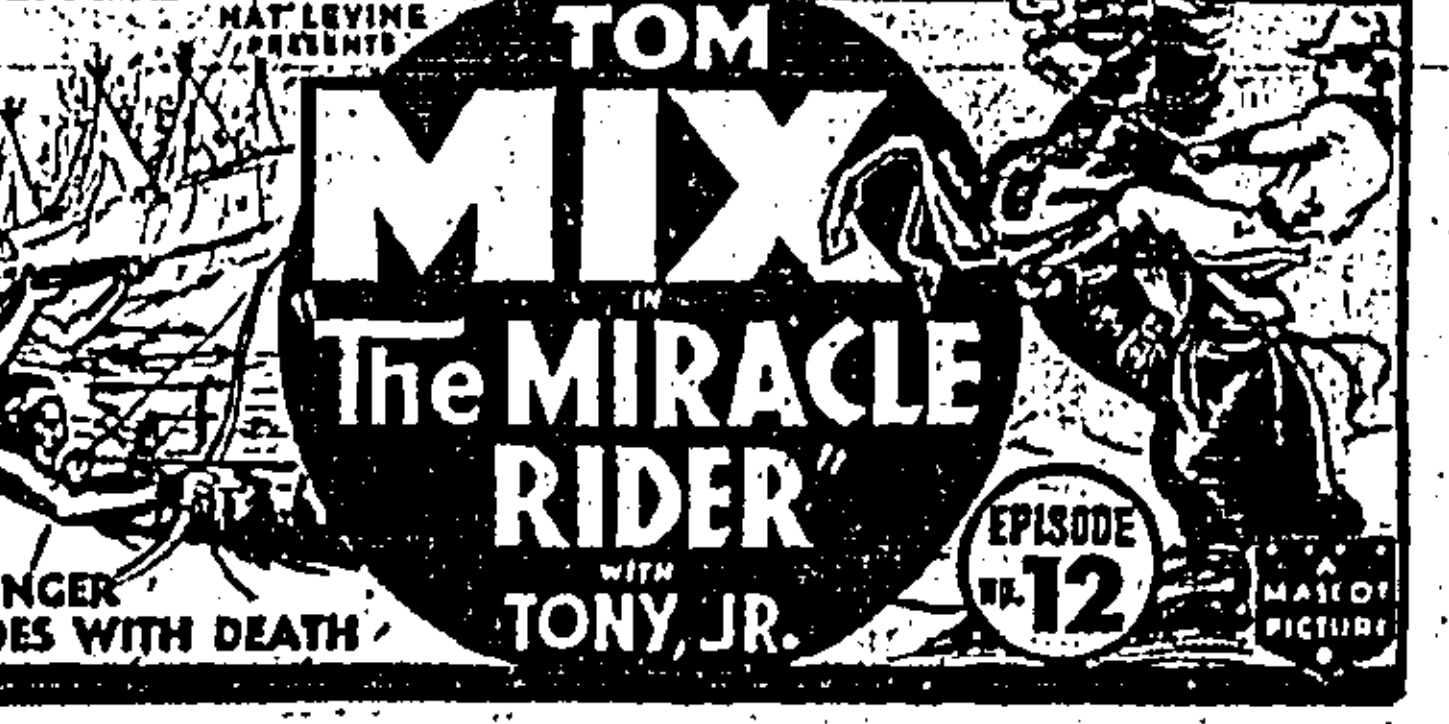


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MONDAY, JULY 18
Closing Time By Air
Telok and Hothlow, (Reg.) 3 p.m.; (Ord.) 3.30 p.m.
Luchow, Kunming, Swatow, Amoy, Canton, and Hanoi, (Reg.) 4 p.m.; (Ord.) 4.30 p.m.
Bangkok, (Reg.) 5 p.m.; (Ord.) 5.30 p.m.
Karachi, (Reg.) 6 p.m.; (Ord.) 6.30 p.m.
Dar-es-Salaam, Mauritius, Johannesburg, Alexandria, Rome and London, (GPO) (Reg.) 8.30 p.m.; (Ord.) 8 p.m.
Singapore, (Reg.) 4.30 p.m.; (Ord.) 5 p.m.
Canton Times By Sea
Manila, 3 p.m.
Swatow, 3 p.m.
Hothlow and Telok via Hothlow, 8 a.m.

TUESDAY, JULY 19
Closing Time By Air
Swatow and Amoy, (Reg.) 3.30 a.m.; (Ord.) 4 a.m.
Bangkok, (Reg.) 5 a.m.; (Ord.) 5.30 a.m.
Telok and Amoy, (Reg.) 5 p.m.; (Ord.) 5.30 p.m.
Manila, Quana, Honolulu, U.S.A. and Canada, (Reg.) 4.30 p.m.; (Ord.) 5 p.m.

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Radio Hongkong

11.30 a.m. "Hongkong Calling" 602.
Children's Story: "In His Majesty's Service" A story of adventure on the High Seas under the White Ensign, by Sea Lions. Episode 11: "What happened to the Queen Anne" (BBC); 8.30. "Much Binding in the Marne" (London Relay); 9. Hospital Request Half Hour presented by Joan Austin. (Studio); 9.30. "Portuguese Half Hour" (BBC); 10. World News and News Analysis (London Relay); 11. Linda Carter Talks on Films (Studio); 8.30. "I Like What I Live" Presented by Doris van Hylton. (Studio); 9. "From the Editor's Desk" (London Relay); 9.10. Weather Report; 9.11. "Concertino" Concerto No. 2 in F Major, Op. 21 (Chopin)—Maurycy Sklar on the Piano with the Philharmonic Orchestra; 9.40. "Your Deal, Madam" A Radio Play by Peter Cheyney; Produced by Brian O'Connell for the Radio. (Studio); 10.15. "Melodies" Gerald and His Orchestra with Eve Becker. (Studio); 10.45. Dance to Benny Goodman and His Orchestra; 11. Radio News (London Relay); 11.15. Weather Report and Summary of News; 11.20. Close down.

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Northwest China Wool Programme

JCRR OFFICIALS FLY TO LANCHOW

Mr Chiang Mon-lin and Dr Raymond Moyer, Commissioners of the Chinese and American Joint Commission on Rural Reconstruction, and its acting Executive Officer, James P. Grant, arrived in Lanchow on Saturday to consult local officials and to review the JCRR Northwest programme. Tomorrow they will fly to Chengtu for a conference with members of the JCRR Szechuan Regional Office.

Belgian Memorial Unveiled

Hertain, Belgium, July 17.—Jack Brasall of Birmingham, England, commanded the first British armoured car to enter Belgium as the spearhead of the Allied armies—just five years ago.

Today, at the same spot on the edge of a cornfield 500 yards from the French frontier, beneath a stone memorial column built by funds subscribed by Belgian men and men, Queen Elizabeth, a Belgian Queen Mother, thanked him as the representative of the British Army for her country's liberation. The Queen shook him by the hand.

Queen Elizabeth unveiled the memorial to members of the British Liberation Army who died to free Belgium from oppression. This was done in the presence of Field Marshal Montgomery, General Sir Brian Horrocks, former Commander of the 30th Corps, and Sir George Rendel, Britain's Ambassador in Brussels.—Reuter.

BELGIUM WITHOUT A GOVERNMENT

Brussels, July 17.—Belgium's Liberal Party today refused to support a new Government put forward by the Regent's chosen "mediator," M. Frans Van Cauwelaert, and insisted that economic questions come before the issue of the exiled King's return.

The country has now been 20 days without a Government since the two-year-old Catholic Socialist coalition of M. Paul Henri Spaak fell after the general election.

The veteran Catholic politician, M. Van Cauwelaert, was asked by the Regent, Prince Charles, to negotiate when Mr. Paul Van Zeeland, leader of the Social Christian (Catholic) Party, failed to form a new Government.

He had hoped to bring about a Liberal-Socialist-Catholic Coalition, but his proposals were believed to include a "popular consultation" on whether King Leopold should return to the throne—to which the left is opposed.

The Permanent Committee of the Liberal Party, after a meeting today, declared: "The Liberals cannot adhere to or support the programme put forward by M. Van Cauwelaert, but only a Government whose first task will be to carry out a programme of economic and financial rehabilitation."

Referring to the "royal question," the committee said: "The solution to any other illigible issue must be sought without undue haste."

The Socialists rejected M. Van Cauwelaert's programme on Friday. For the Socialists, small sense a pattern for rural improvement which can be extended throughout the Northwest.



"Do you mind, officer? Since I moved to the city I miss going this on Sunday mornings!"

"DRIVE IN" CHURCH



The Rev. Norman L. Hammer, pastor of the Emmanuel Lutheran Church in North Hollywood, California, moved his pulpit and organ into the parking lot and opened the first drive-in church. The 36-year-old parson said that a lot of people to church in their old clothes then a lot more would attend. The initial experiment brought out 54 cars holding some 160 members of the congregation.—(AP Photo).

WASHINGTON OFFICIALS FAVOUR SECRET COLD WAR FUND FOR TRUMAN

Washington, July 17.—Some State Department officials here are urging that the Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, or President Truman should ask Congress for a secret "cold war" fund, which might run to \$150,000,000, to block the spread of Communism in the Far East.

America Said Becoming Police State

New York, July 17.—The charge that reactionary elements in the United States were trying to turn it into a "police state" was made at a Bill of Rights conference held here. The two-day session of the conference was attended by various professional groups, including teachers, ministers, artists and scientists.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation, which has recently been in the public eye in connection with the Communist spy cases, was the main target of attack, and was denounced as an instrument in the establishment of "Fascism, American style."

Critics of the conference have said that it is a "thinly disguised Communist operation," but these and such other charges are denied by the Civil Rights Congress, which called the conference.

There was some commotion at the conference when Mr. Farrell Dobbs, national chairman of the Socialist Workers' Party, said that the meeting "is only concerned with the Communist Party and its associates."

THOUGHT CONTROL

Earlier, other speakers had said that the FBI was transgressing from the field of crime into the sphere of "thought control."

Mr. O. John Rogge, former Assistant Attorney General and a member of the Progressive Party, said: "We have been encouraged to become a nation of spies and informers. Our neighbours are being encouraged to go to the FBI with all kinds of junk. That is not the American I grew up in."

By wire-tapping, opening private mail and other offences, the FBI "commits more Federal crimes than it over detects," he said.

Other speakers included two of the defendants in the Communist leaders' trial, Mr. John Gates and Councilman Benjamin J. Davis.

The Negro singer, Paul Robeson, also took a prominent part in the conference.—AP

IZVESTIA ON TRUMAN

Moscow, July 17.—Izvestia ridiculed today the optimistic tone of President Harry Truman's economic report to the nation of last Monday.

In an editorial comment on the President's statements, a writer who signed himself "Observer" said that there was a clear disagreement between the "gloomy" figures used by the President and his evaluation of them.

"Observer" claimed that Mr. Truman minimised the unemployment figures and that he could not conceal the fact that an economic crisis was rapidly approaching.—Associated Press.

Peron Wants To Control Intellectuals

Buenos Aires, July 17.—The newspaper, La Prensa, devoted four columns today to unofficial "highlights" of a proposed law which would give the Government of President Juan Peron nearly total control of the Argentine intellectual activity.

The bill, known as the "draft law of the intellectual worker," would create a national registry for scientists, writers, creative artists, musicians and architects.

The version printed by the influential daily said the law would establish standards for theatrical presentations, speeches, phonographic recordings, nature "and set penalties for violators." It also established cultural quotas requiring newspapers and magazines to devote fixed proportions of their total space to Argentine work and sets up similar requirements for libraries and publishers.

The proposed law, drafted by the Government-sponsored "National Intellectual Committee," was submitted last September to the Education Secretary. Since that time it has been reported to be "under study" but no official decision has yet been announced.

The text of the bill has never been officially published, but reports of its nature have stimulated a heated debate for months in Argentine intellectual circles.

EXEMPTIONS

The bill provides pensions and medical care to intellectuals, whether they are Argentine-born, or naturalized, who sign the proposed national register.

Newspapers and magazines are exempted from the provisions which require each foreign ship touching at Argentine ports to buy at least 10 Argentine books on each voyage "so they can carry to their countries something of the Argentine spirit as well as the material riches."

United Press.

To Reduce Airlift

Berlin, July 17.—A reliable British informant said today that the British and American authorities were considering plans to reduce the airlift service of supply to Berlin to skeleton form in the belief that the Russian blockades of the city really is at an end.

The British authorities already have sent to London for Cabinet consideration a proposal to reduce the British part of the airlift to 33 percent its present size, informants said. The sources state that the Cabinet would take up the proposal tomorrow.

Usually well-informed British officials said the American authorities were considering a similar plan.—United Press.

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YUGOSLAVIA JOINS ERP

Moscow, July 17.—Izvestia said today that Yugoslavia is seeking to join the European Recovery Programme just at a moment when it is falling miserably.

An editorial by an Izvestia observer said that Marshal Tito is being brought into the ERP with the assistance of Count Carlo Sforza, Italian Foreign Minister.

The observer said that Count Sforza, while in the U. S. in April, presented a memo to the U. S. Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, suggesting that Italian-Yugoslav co-operation economically could become a factual equivalent of Yugoslavia's participation in the ERP. That plan was approved by Mr. Acheson, the paper said.—Associated Press.

Quakers Say War Is Not Inevitable

Philadelphia, July 17.—The American Friends Service Committee, a Quaker organisation, winner of the 1947 Nobel Peace prize, made public today a 28-page report on the state of the world. It was drafted after six months' exhaustive study and concluded:

1. War is not inevitable between the United States and Russia.
2. But it will not be easy to establish lasting peace.
3. Both the United States and Russia must give in a little from their present unyielding positions.

The report stated the Quakers' belief that the core of the cold war at present is economic and added, "economic warfare is a two edged sword."

CRIPPLING MOVES

The report said such crippling moves as the United States embargo on trade with Russia and the Soviet refusal to participate in the Marshall Plan do not have "any substantial bearing on retarding a country's relative war potential."

Resumption of normal exports of raw materials from Europe stands high among the Committee recommendations.

The report suggested: 1. There should be a new effort to settle the German problem wherein the Germans themselves, under the powers' supervision, would take the initiative in preparing a constitution and government for the whole of Germany.

2. "United States policy should have as its objective the political and economic unification and neutralisation of Germany. For the United States and the Soviet Union to continue competition for Germany will certainly lead to disaster."

ACCOMMODATION

The Committee concluded: "A large part of the world is likely to continue to be Communist controlled for a considerable time to come. Likewise a large part of the world is likely to continue under the traditional Western concepts of political democracy."

Despite differences in approach between the United States and the Soviet Union, "there is a possibility that enough accommodation would permit the differing systems to compete peacefully without either of the two ways of life surrendering to the other."—Associated Press.

SINO-SOVIET FRIENDSHIP COMMITTEE

Shanghai, July 17.—Several hundred persons, including Madame Sun Yat-sen and former Ambassador to Moscow, Mr. Shao Li-tze, met on Saturday in Peiping to form a Sino-Russian Friendship Committee under the auspices of the Communist Party, the newspaper Hsin Min Pao reported today.

A Communist New China News Agency dispatch in the newspapers said the group, representing various democratic parties and people's organisations, also included Chou En-lai and the author, Kuo Mo-jun.

The meeting hall for 600 sponsors was decorated with four large pictures of Stalin, Lenin, Dr. Sun Yat-sen, founder of the Chinese Republic, and Mao Tse-tung, National Chinese Communist. In the hall was a large banner proclaiming "Long Live Sino-Russian Good Friendship."

The meeting named a 51-member presidium, preparatory committee including Madams Sun and Chou, Li Shao-chi, Marshal Li Chi-sen, former Kuomintang official who broke with Chiang Kai-shek, Li Li-san, Moscow-trained intellectual and one of the Communist Party's top policy planners, and Shao Li-tze, who went to Peiping as head of the Nationalist peace delegation.—United Press.

Bus Strike In New York Worse

New York, July 17.—Mayor William O'Dwyer arrived by plane today from his brief Mexico City vacation and drove immediately to his quarters to begin working on the city's transport crisis.

The bus strike, meanwhile, appeared to be getting worse, threatening to extend to the Third Avenue transport system and possibly to the city subways.—United Press.

France In Third Place

Paris, July 17.—The Prime Minister of France, M. Henri Queuille, told Frenchmen today: "Our currency is now one of the best in the world and we occupy third place in financial status."

France was on the verge of bankruptcy when he took over in September, last year, he said in a speech.—Reuter.

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Chennault Denounces Communists

Washington, July 17.—Major-General Claire L. Chennault said today that the "brutal beating" suffered by Mr. William Olive, American Vice-Consul in Shanghai, showed that the Communists were "not just talking."

In a radio interview, the former leader of the Flying Tigers renewed his assertion that a Communist sweep in China would mean the domination of all Asia. He added:

"That would be the greatest disaster in our national history and the greatest threat to our security that we Americans and our Allies have faced."

He said reports coming from Shanghai and other Communist-held cities made it "clear that the American businessmen who stayed behind there have already lost any hopes they may have had about good business to be done with the Communists."

General Chennault again urged the U. S. to aid the Nationalists.—United Press.

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